IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re PATENT APPLICATION OF

NEOGI et al.

Group Art Unit: 1623

Appln. No. (Unassigned)

Examiner: H. Reyes

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Title: NOVEL COMPOUNDS TO TREAT DIABETES AND ASSOCIATED CONDITIONS

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to prosecution on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows herein.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please insert the following heading and paragraph after the title of the application on page 1 of the specification:

-- Cross Reference to Related Application

This application is a divisional application based U.S. Serial No. 09/436,047, filed November 8, 1999, the entirety of which is incorporated herein by reference.--